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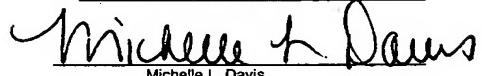
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Applicant: Michel Dreux et al. }  
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SCATTERING DETECTOR WHICH }  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.